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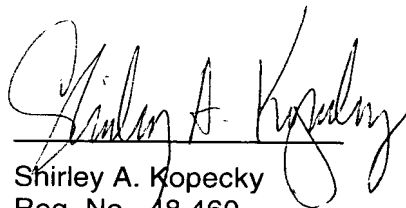
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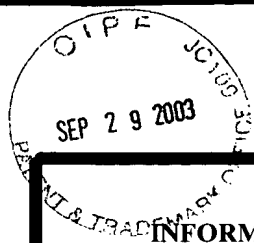
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	AA	5,592,831	01-14-1997	Bauer, et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
	AB	EP 1 074 510 A2	02-07-2001	Europe				✓
	AC	EP 0 895 961 B1	05-17-2000	Europe				✓
	AD	GB 1 579 553	11-19-1980	Great Britain				✓

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